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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

1. European Patent Application Publication No. 0 878 780, published November 18, 1998.
2. European Patent Application Publication No. 0 379 333, published July 25, 1990.
3. International Publication No. 1998/055912, published December 10, 1998.
4. Great Britain Publication No. 2 247 548, previously submitted on March 20, 2001.
5. United States Patent No. 5,146,499, previously submitted on March 20, 2001.
6. United States Patent No. 4,951,249, previously submitted on March 20, 2001.

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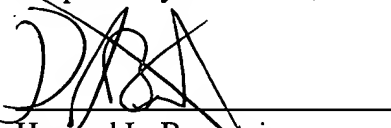
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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except those indicated as previously submitted (4-6) along with a copy of the corresponding European Examination Report dated May 13, 2003.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after either a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), but before payment of the Issue Fee, and therefore Applicant is submitting herewith a check for the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

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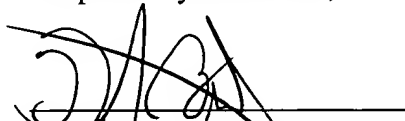
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